

legislature participate in a task force to study this problem or put it on a list as a study item.

Walt Baker, Director of the Division of Water Quality, joined Dir. Nielson to discuss the water quality program. This division oversees the Water Quality Loan Program and the Drinking Water Loan Program. Seventy-five percent of rivers and streams meet requirements for use. Local Watershed Coordinators are the stewards of individual watersheds. The problem of mercury pollution was discussed. A major source is coal burning in power plants, cement plants, etc. Studies in Utah have determined that mercury contamination in water and concentrations in fish and water fowl vary widely through the state. There are some advisories on fish and waterfowl in the state. DEQ is now doing mercury testing on fish in a state lab which is providing much more timely results. A specific area of concern is mercury levels in the Great Salt Lake which are some of the highest ever seen in North America. DEQ is requesting \$66,500 one time General Fund money to do testing on samples from GSL to determine where or if there is a problem. Dir. Nielson also explained the request for \$147,100 from the General Fund, on going, including one FTE, to assess environmental samples for mercury contamination. There was some discussion of the fact that waterfowl are migratory and could perhaps be picking up their contamination elsewhere. The question was also raised as to whether there are any restricted funds that could be used for this purpose.

The analyst discussed four issue briefs concerning DEQ and gave the following recommendations:

Mercury Source Assessment	\$ 147,100	General Fund on going
Mercury Source Assessment GSL	66,500	General Fund one time
Air Quality Planning	1,500,000	General Fund one time
Hazardous Substance Mitigation	400,000	General Fund Restricted-
Fund		Environmental Quality Acct.

He discussed the DEQ fees focusing particularly on the changes.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

Rep. Harper adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Rep. Wayne Harper, Co-Chair

Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chair

	Lawn Vases	60.00	60.00	
20	Disinterment Single Depth		600.00	Unknown
	Disinterment Double Depth		900.00	Unknown

The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Environmental Quality

The analyst reviewed the DEQ budget brief, briefly discussing the functions of the department. The base operating budget for DEQ line item for FY 2008 is \$46,754,600 which includes funding for the following programs: \$5,410,700 for the Executive Director's Office, \$8,892,100 for Air Quality; \$7,297,400 for Environmental Response and Remediation; \$3,319,400 for Radiation Control; \$10,318,400 for Water Quality; \$4,093,500 for Drinking Water; \$7,423,100 for Solid and Hazardous Waste. Additionally \$19,085,800 for the Water Quality Loan Program and \$12,985,500 for the Drinking Water Loan Program are included in the base budget bill. Both of these figures include federal funds, sales tax revenues, and repayment on the loans.

The analyst discussed the fact that for a number of years the committee approved one-time funding of \$87,000 to hire an attorney through the Attorney General's office to litigate perpetrators of hazardous spills through their underground storage tanks. This year that amount is not being requested as they've exhausted those cases.

Dianne Nielson, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, distributed a packet containing the department's response to the budget appropriations questions from the committee. She referred the committee to specific areas in the packet. Among those were the budgetary history of appropriations and FTE changes from 2002 to 2008. The director reported that the centralization of IT has worked well for them, but it does cost more.

Dir. Nielson, assisted by Rick Sprott, Director of the Division of Air Quality, specifically addressed air quality. The objective is to be in compliance with EPA standards and to maintain and improve air quality. Three program areas are Permitting, Planning, and Air Monitoring and Compliance. She referred to specific corporations who have made changes and realized significant improvements in emissions. There was a discussion of the source of funds for monitors and the cost of mobile monitors and their uses. Dir. Nielson asked for direction from the committee as to how to deal with the problem of changed EPA standards of PM2.5. She pointed out that the Metropolitan Statistical Areas have changed and now include large non-metropolitan areas which could also be considered in non-compliance. The way to convince the EPA that the map needs to be changed is to do more monitoring from area to area. DEQ is requesting \$1.6 million in one time General Fund money to better define these areas and develop strategies to come back into attainment before 2011 or federal money will be lost for transportation construction in those areas in non-attainment. They will also be requesting \$3,000,000 in on-going money in order to be proactive in identifying and remedying problems to remain in compliance. They recognize that this request is not realistic this year. They request that the

Veterans' outreach	\$ 25,000	General Fund one time
IT services	47,200	General Fund ongoing
(Federal program cannot continue to fund the state requirement)		

National Guard Fees:			
	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	#units
200	Veterans' Burial Fee	300.00	
45	Spouse/Dependent Burial Fee	400.00	
	Saturday Burial Fee	500.00	2
20	Lawn Vases	60.00	
	Disinterment Single Depth	600.00	Unknown
	Disinterment Double Depth	900.00	Unknown

Col. Scott Olson answered questions about the outreach program and reminded the committee that for every dollar spent five dollars come back into the local economy. He also explained that the \$46 million for Armory Maintenance is really for construction of new facilities. He told the committee of a master plan which was developed last year to address long range and immediate needs in armory upgrades. The oldest armory in the system in Fillmore was discussed. There was a brief discussion of the state defense force which is of a lower priority at the present time. The highest priority item according to Gen. Tarbet is the tuition assistance. No federal help with tuition assistance comes to the Air National Guard.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to accept the analyst's recommendation for the National Guard base budget of \$71,360,000 and to accept the following list of recommendations to go on the final priority list:

Tuition assistance	\$1,000,000	General Fund ongoing	
Air Guard FTE increase	17,800	General Fund ongoing	
	53,500	Federal Funds	
144th Medical Support Co.	35,600	General Fund ongoing	
Veterans' outreach	\$ 25,000	General Fund one time	
IT services	47,200	General Fund ongoing	
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	Saturday Burial Fee	500.00	2

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & NATIONAL GUARD
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
Wednesday, January 17, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chair
Rep. Wayne Harper, Co-Chair
Sen. Fred Fife
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Neil Hansen
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Todd E. Kiser
Rep. Becky Lockhart
Rep. Patrick Painter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Kevin Garn

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Harper called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting.
The motion passed unanimously.

National Guard

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the National Guard Budget Brief pointing out the dual state-federal mission it performs. The base budget for the national Guard line item for FY 2008 is \$71,360,000 which includes funding for the five programs within the line item, including \$662,300 for administration; \$69,909,000 for Armory Maintenance which includes an increase of over \$46 million to assist with Armory Maintenance made available from an increase in Federal Funds; \$343,200 for Veterans' Affairs to serve Utah's 135,000 veterans of all ages; \$310,800 for the Veterans' Cemetery; and \$134,700 for the Veterans' Nursing Home.

The analyst discussed the six issue briefs concerning the National Guard and his recommendations as follows:

Tuition assistance	\$1,000,000	General Fund ongoing
Air Guard FTE increase	17,800	General Fund ongoing
	53,500	Federal Funds
144th Medical Support Co.	35,600	General Fund ongoing
(operations and maintenance of new federally funded building at Camp Williams)		